

2007 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Work Plan

The Indian Affairs Committee has existed since 1989 as a result of post-session New Mexico Legislative Council action each year. In view of the fact that the committee's work addresses issues relating principally to New Mexico's Native American population, the committee strives to conduct its meetings in locations that are accessible to the state's tribal members and their leaders. The committee views its meetings as an essential way of relating the work of the legislature to this segment of its constituency. This year, in addition to meetings in Santa Fe, the committee plans to meet at the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in Towaoc, Colorado, at seven chapters of the Navajo Nation and at six of the pueblos.

A. The Indian Affairs Committee proposes to explore and discuss the following topics during the 2007 interim:

1. capital outlay, including tracking the expenditure of allocated funds, coordination with the Navajo Nation, certification of chapters of the Navajo Nation and implementation of the Tribal Infrastructure Act;
2. implementation of the Indian Education Act in coordination with the Public Education Department and the Navajo Nation School Board;
3. health care in Native American communities, including provision of health care services in remote areas;
4. the relationship among the state, tribal entities and the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding the improvement and maintenance of rural roads and rural transportation;
5. workforce training for Native Americans;

6. review of the pros and cons of formal state recognition of Native American tribal entities;
7. domestic violence in Native American communities;
8. examination of the proposed resumption of uranium mining on tribal lands and an analysis of benefits and detriments resulting from that activity;
9. health concerns in northwest New Mexico and the impact of the proposed Desert Rock Power Plant;
10. efforts to provide for persons with disabilities, including the elderly, in Native American communities;
11. the cleanup and transfer of ownership of Fort Wingate; and
12. recommendations of the Food Gap Task Force and the Native American Arts and Crafts Authenticity Task Force requested by joint memorials passed in the 2007 legislative session.

B. The committee will coordinate, as needed, with other committees regarding presentations of subject matter of common concern.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 18	Santa Fe
July 9-11	Crystal, Churchrock and Manuelito Chapters, Navajo Nation
August 13-15	Pueblo of Acoma; Alamo and Tohajiilee Chapters, Navajo Nation
September 19-21	Towaoc, Colorado; T'iistoh Sikaad (Burnham) and San Juan Chapters, Navajo Nation
October 3-5	Pueblos of Cochiti, Santo Domingo and San Felipe
November 5-7	Pueblos of Taos and Pojoaque; Santa Fe